

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1910-03  
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 554  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Elementary and Secondary Education  
Dept  
Type: Original  
Date: March 12, 2003

---

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume this proposal will forgive five “snow” days that do not have to be made up during the year. The foundation formula funding distribution is based on the actual attendance of students divided by the hours the district was actually open for instruction. Days missed do not increase or decrease funding. DESE states there will be no costs or savings to their agency as a result of this proposal.

Officials from the **Columbia School District** indicated there would be no significant fiscal impact to their district.

Officials from the **Mexico School District (MSD)** assumed this proposal would not have a negative fiscal impact on MSD. When this legislation was initially passed in 2001, the district compared attendance on the days of inclement weather compared to the preceding year and there was not a significant difference in the average percentage of attendance.

In response to the introduced version of this proposal, officials from the **Farmington R-VII School District (FSD)** assumed that there are revenue reductions in the event school is not held. FSD receives a transportation reimbursement from the state and if not in session as scheduled, their reimbursement would decrease approximately \$2,500 per day. In addition, reimbursement

from the federal government free/reduced lunch program would be decreased by approximately \$5,700 per day.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** assumes that while some school districts might see a decrease in certain reimbursements while incurring fixed costs, school districts could also realize some savings from not having facilities open for up to five days.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

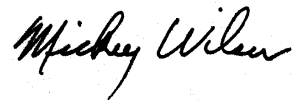
Current law contains permission to reduce the number of days in the school calendar because of inclement weather during school year 2000-2001 and waiver of the requirement to schedule make-up days in 2001-2002. This proposal makes those reductions applicable to the 2002-2003 school year and waives the required two-thirds make-up for 2003-2004. The proposal also removes existing language that permitted districts in 2000-2001 to use a previous year's attendance figures under certain conditions relating to school closure for inclement weather.

The proposal contains an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Columbia School District  
Mexico School District  
Farmington R-VII School District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MICKEY WILSON, CPA  
DIRECTOR  
MARCH 12, 2003